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1. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE E/SYSTEMS PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVING
E-1/J-1 SURVEILLANCE SITES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) I HAVE NEVER FELT THAT THE CONTRACTOR GAVE FULL
CONSIDERATION TO THE FEASIBILITY OF MOVING MODULES FROM MITLA
EAST AND MITLA WEST. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE IN THEIR OFFER TO
SUPPORT THE \$25K FIGURE FOR DELIVERY OF AN ISRAELI MODULE.

B) WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THEIR RENOVATING THE EXISTING
STRUCTURES PROVIDED THEY CAN GUARANTEE UNITS WILL BE PERMANENT
TYPE HOUSING FOR OUR LIAISON OFFICERS TO WORK IN EFFICIENTLY
AND LIVE REASONABLY COMFORTABLY.

C) THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR IMPROVING THE SLEEPING
AREAS. THIS IS ONE OF THE BASIC SHORTCOMINGS OF THE PRESENT
UNITS AND IMPROVEMENT MUST BE MADE. WHY NOT EXTEND THE SOLID
DIVIDER ON OUT TO THE EXISTING BATHROOM WALL, INSULATE THIS
DIVIDING WALL, PUT CARPETING ON THE FLOOR AND USE ACCOUSTICAL
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TILE TO COVER MOST OF THE WALLS AND CEILING? PROVIDE SEPARATE
ENTRANCES TO EACH SLEEPING CUBICLE THOUGH THIS MAY MEAN MOVING
THE BATHROOM FORWARD IN THE MODULE BY A COUPLE OF FEET.

D) AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE INSTALLED PULLMAN KITCHEN UNITS.
THEY SHOULD BE RETAINED AND THIS WILL SAVE CONSIDERABLE SPACE
OVER THE DRAWINGS.

E) OBSERVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM AT THE SITES. THE PORCHES SHOULD BE ENCLOSED WITH INSULATED GLASS TO IMPROVE THE LO'S VISUAL CAPABILITY, MOVE THE TTY TO THE PORCH AREA AND ENCLOSE IT INTO SPECIALLY DESIGNED CABINET UNITS WHICH WOULD ALSO PROVIDE DESK WORKING SPACE, STORAGE SPACE, ETC.

F) GET RID OF ALL OF THE STANDARD FURNITURE, CONVERT THE EXISTING AREA WHERE THE TTY AND DESK ARE LOCATED INTO A SMALL EFFICIENT AREA FOR EATING, AND PROVIDE THE LIAISON OFFICER WITH A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO SIT AND READ.

G) VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING, ETC., HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM. THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE HEATING THOUGH THEY DO SPEAK OF TWO ADDITIONAL AIR CONDITIONERS. THE BATHROOM AND SLEEPING ROOMS SHOULD EITHER HAVE WINDOWS OR A GOOD VENTILATION SYSTEM. THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE VENTILATION OVER THE KITCHEN UNIT.

2. WHAT WE NEED IS A STURDY, FAIRLY WEATHER-PROOF STRUCTURE. IF E/SYSTEMS CAN DO THIS WITH THE EXISTING BUILDINGS, FINE , OTHERWISE I THINK WE ARE SPINNING OUR WHEELS. IN ADDITION WE NEED AN EFFICIENT LAYOUT THAT MEETS THE WORKING AND LIVING REQUIREMENTS OF OUR LIAISON OFFICERS. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY HAVING THE DESIGNER WORK WITH LIAISON OFFICERS. IT CANNOT BE DONE BY DRAFTSMEN IN GREENVILLE, TEXAS WITH LITTLE OR NO UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOWLEDGE OF WORK CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. FRANKLY I DO NOT BELIEVE THE CONTRACTOR HAS EVER GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THESE NEEDS. IN FACT THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN OUR REQUEST AS A WHOLE PRIORITY TREATMENT. ANY SUPPORT YOU CAN GIVE WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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